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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Arto ASTALA et al.  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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March 24, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 24, 2003, and preliminary to the examination of the RCE being filed concurrently with this amendment, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.